MR V. T. CHACKO (*Muvattupuzha I*) : Is the Medical Entomologist under the orders of the Honorary Adviser, Public Health?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : He is a member of the Public Health Department.

MR. V. T. CHACKO (*Muvattupuzha I*) : Are his services still to be continued?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The period of his appointment will expire in October 1934; and after that, he will not be given any extension of service in this State.

MR. V. T. CHACKO (*Muvattupuzha I*) : Do the Government propose to appoint any other Medical Entomologist in his place?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : No.

The Public Health Department.

3. ❋MR. V. T. CHACKO (*Muvattupuzha I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) who the controlling officer of the Public Health Department is and

(*b*) who makes recommendations to Government in the matter of appointments and promotions?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : *a*) and (*b*) The Deputy Director of Public Health.

Expenditure on land etc. for the Puthiakavu Vernacular School for Girls.

4. ❋MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the amount spent till now (2-12-1108) for the land and the foundation work for the Vernacular School for Girls at Puthiakavu, Mavelikara; and

(*b*) the reasons for not carrying out the work on which some expenditure has been incurred?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : (*a*) Rs. 13,342-2-4 up to end of Chingom 1099. No expenditure has been incurred thereafter.

(*b*) For want of funds due to financial stringency.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) ; May I know the date on which the last item of expenditure was incurred for this purpose?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : Some day in 1924.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : May I know whether the question of completing this work was considered when the Budgets for succeeding years were prepared?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : Yes, it was.

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MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Then, may I know whether financial stringency started even in 1924?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Subsequent to 1924, revised plan and estimate were got ready, and the estimate amounted to Rs. 25,000. Government considered that too much for this school building, and another revised estimate was called for. And, actually sums *were* sanctioned once or twice. After that, financial stringency began and no provision was made in the Budget.

Resolutions passed at the Travancore Private School Teachers' Conference.

5. *MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received a copy of the resolutions passed at the Travancore Private School Teachers' Conference held in the Mavelikara B. H. School hall on the 13th Dhanu 1109; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the steps taken by them on resolution No. 5 regarding the recruitment of private school teachers to Government service and the removal of the age-bar restriction with regard to those who have entered service in a private school and taken license for teaching before the 25th year of age?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The member is referred to paragraph 5 of G. O. D. Dis. No. 648 of 34/Edn. dated the 30th May 1934, published on page 1158, Part I of the Travancore Government Gazette, dated the 5th June 1934.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): I beg to submit a point for the consideration of the Chair. The answer given refers me to some page in some issue of the Government Gazette. Is it possible, Sir, for me now, to make that reference and then ask supplementary questions now?

PRESIDENT: Members are expected to ask questions which relate to matters not within their knowledge and matters on which they cannot themselves get independent information. The answer to your question is contained in the Government Gazette which is a public document and so was available to every one of you. Therefore, the answer given to you is perfectly right.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether the order regarding the recruitment of private school teachers to Government service is based on a full enquiry as to their competency for Government service?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Has it been recognised by Government that private school teachers are more competent to teach than raw recruits?

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